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### **GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS GEORGE TATUM DMV COMMISSIONER**

**RALEIGH** -- Gov. Easley today appointed George Edgar Tatum of Fayetteville as commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

"George's strong leadership skills in local government and law enforcement will help improve operations at DMV," Easley said. "With a proven record for implementing efficiencies and a public service career spanning nearly 30 years, I know George will be a great asset."

Tatum, 50, has served as the Cumberland County Register of Deeds since 1984 where he established a computerized system for land and vital records. During his tenure, Tatum also implemented several cost-saving measures and modernized operations at the Register of Deeds Office by developing an internet-based indices of records.

"I look forward to having George on our team," said state Transportation Secretary Lyndo Tippet. "George's experience in technology and modernization will be invaluable as we continue to expand customer service at DMV."

A 1974 graduate of Campbell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, Tatum also is a 1981 graduate of Fayetteville Technical Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Program and a 2000 graduate of Duke University's Non-Profit Management Program.

Tatum served as a Lieutenant in the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Section from 1981 to 1984. In addition, he also is a past president of the Register of Deeds Association, Local Board of March of Dimes, Board of Directors for the Montessori School and Cumberland County Education Foundation.

Tatum is married to Robbin MacGregor Tatum and has three children.

As DMV Commissioner, Tatum will oversee daily operations for the division including driver licenses, vehicle registration and safety and emissions inspections.

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